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Claim 1 stands rejected as being anticipated by Ikeda. Claim 3 did not fall under this rejection. Now that claim 1 incorporates the limitations of claim 3, it is not anticipated.

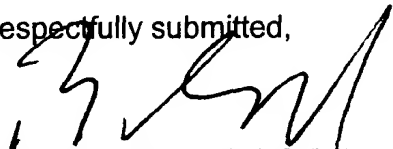
Claim 7 stands rejected as being obvious over Yamamoto or Ikeda in view of Kelch; Yamamoto and Yarussa in view of Kelch. Claim 3 did not fall under this rejection. Now that claim 7 incorporates the limitations of claim 3 (by dependency on claim 1), it is not obvious.

Claims 1-6, 9, 10, 13 and 14 stand rejected as being obvious over Yamamoto and Yarussa. Claim 1 is amended to emphasize that the product is a packaging tape. In contrast, Yamamoto is a tape used for semiconductor applications. As such tapes are diced, there is no consideration that the backing tape be oriented, as required by claim 1. In contrast, Yarussa relates to an adhesive tape for graphics applications. The skilled artisan having knowledge of Yamamoto, relating to semiconductor applications, would not look to Yarussa's teachings, since the aims of the final products are quite distinct. Yarussa is concerned with the ability to easily remove the tape after application, while Yamamoto is concerned with the ability of the adhesive to avoid unwanted UV curing. Therefore, the formulation of Yarussa, for example as applied to the amended claim 1 formulation, is simply not applicable to Yamamoto, as Yamamoto does not seek the characteristic of easy removal in two directions. In fact, Yamamoto gives no hint of using an oriented tape, which would be unnecessary in the repairing of

semiconductor wafers. Accordingly, claim 1 as amended, and the claims dependent thereon, are not obvious over the cited combination.

Wherefore, allowance of all pending claims is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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Marked-up copy of amended claim 1

Claim 1 (twice amended). Adhesive packaging tape comprising a backing comprising an oriented thermoplastic film and a coating comprising a solventlessly prepared pressure-sensitive adhesive composition based on non-thermoplastic elastomers wherein the pressure-sensitive adhesive composition comprises a thermally labile crosslinking system, wherein the adhesive composition comprises a mixture of:

a) 100 parts by weight of natural rubber

b) 70-120 parts by weight of tackifying resins based on hydrocarbons

c) 5-30 parts by weight of fillers

d) 2-20 parts by weight of plasticizers

e) 0.1-15 parts by weight of a crosslinker system

f) 0.5-5 parts by weight of ageing inhibitors.